

JUSTIFICATION:

The purchase of these engines will provide the necessary replacement of engines that are 17 years old in one of the Rescue Boats. This would assist Lifeguard Rescue Boat Operations in maintaining quality public safety to the boating and beach community within Los Angeles County.

Approximately 55 million people visit the beaches annually on the Los Angeles County coastline. In addition, approximately 13 million people visit the docking/berthing areas annually. These areas are patrolled by the Lifeguard Rescue Boat Fleet and are protected by the Los Angeles County Lifeguards.

The Lifeguard Rescue Boat Fleet operates along the 72 miles of Los Angeles County Coastline, as well as 40 miles around Catalina Island. The fleet is also available to respond to emergency calls as far north as Ventura County and as far south as Orange County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Agreement will provide the necessary funds to purchase two (2) engines for a Lifeguard Rescue Boat, a cost-avoidance of \$55,000.00. In addition, this purchase will also lower future maintenance costs for the boat.

There is no impact to NCC funding.

FINANCING:

Does not apply.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Board of Supervisor's authorization is a grant requirement. Los Angeles County meets or exceeds all State grant requirements.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:

This contract will assist the Lifeguard Rescue Boat Operations in supporting our ongoing commitment to provide exemplary emergency services for the 55 million visitors who come to our beaches annually.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
October 12, 2004
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The engines that will be replaced are 17 years old and susceptible to frequent breakdown. New engines will be beneficial in maintaining available and reliable rescue resources, and will lower the annual cost of boat maintenance.

CONCLUSION:

Instruct the Executive Officer to forward four (4) approved copies of this Board letter and Minute Order to the Fire Chief of the Consolidated Fire Protection District for further processing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Freeman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors